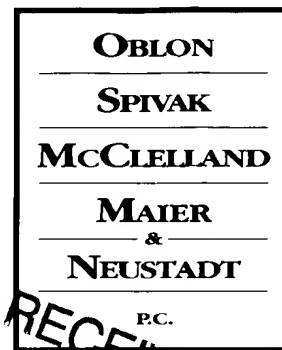




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Group Art Unit: 1626  
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Supplemental Amendment**

Our check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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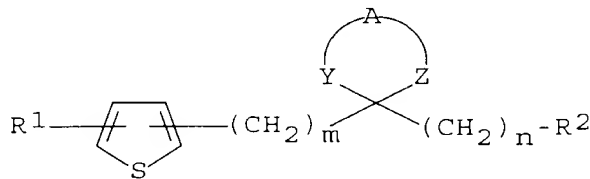
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Supplemental to applicants' amendment and request for reconsideration of February 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 6-9 without prejudice. Please add new claims 32-35.

32. (New) The compound of claim 4, having the following formula:



wherein a group of the formula: